

County United Way receives \$14,322 grant

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United Way of Sullivan County was awarded a federal grant to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

"It helps out the agencies that provide the service," UWSC executive director Dawn Ranney said. "It's another piece that is distributed through the United Way."

The \$14,322 grant is about \$2,000 more than the agency received last year, according to Ranney.

A local community board representing UWSC, the American Red Cross, church organizations, government agencies and area social services will determine how the funds will be distributed.

In 2007, the grant money was awarded to the Newport Food Pantry, Women's Supportive Services, the Claremont Soup Kitchen, Southwestern Community Services and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

"Any agencies that haven't received funds in the past can also apply," Ranney said.

Agencies that have received money in the past are not excluded from applying again.

Under the terms of the grant, local agencies chosen to receive funds must be non-profit, have an accounting system, practice non-discrimination, have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food or shelter programs and, if a voluntary organization, must have a voluntary board.

Agencies interested in applying for the funds may contact Dawn Ranney at (603) 543-0121. Applications must be received by May 15.

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